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The Reply Brief mailed May 28, 2004 is acknowledged. The arguments made in the Reply Brief have been fully considered. However, the arguments are not persuasive. The claims remain rejected for the reasons detailed in the Examiner's Answer mailed March 30, 2004.

The Office also acknowledges the filing of the Request for an Oral Hearing on May 28, 2004.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin R Kruer whose telephone number is 571-272-1510. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 7:30a.m. to 4:30p.m.

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